

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A system for teaching interviewing comprising:

means for obtaining decisions by a student whether provided descriptions of experience are true for an experience of the student;

cross-referencing means for cross-referencing from the descriptions of experience to personality traits;

recording means for recording a writing by the student, the recording means comprising a first region for a list of the personality traits obtained via the cross-referencing means, and a second region for a summary of the experience;

a first means for teaching that directs the student to make decisions in cooperation with the means for obtaining decisions;

a second means for teaching that directs the student to make entries in the regions of the recording means in accordance with the decisions; and

a third means for teaching that directs the student to retell the summary of the experience in answer to a question during an interview.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein the recording means further comprises a third region for a summary list comprising the personality traits obtained via the cross-referencing means.

3. The system of claim 2 wherein the summary list further comprises at least one of values and morals that the student has determined are demonstrated by the experience.

4. The system of claim 2 further comprising a fourth means for teaching that directs the student to retell at least part of the summary list in answer to the question during the interview.

5. The system of claim 1 further comprising entering means for automatically entering personality traits into the first region in accordance with the means for obtaining decisions and in accordance with the cross-reference means.

6. The system of claim 1 further comprising a memory device comprising indicia of at least one of the means for obtaining, the cross-referencing means, the recording means, the first means for teaching, the second means for teaching, and the third means for teaching.

7. The system of claim 1 further comprising transmitting means for transmitting across a network link indicia of at least one of the first means for teaching, the second means for teaching, and the third means for teaching.

8. A method for teaching interviewing, the method comprising:

a step for inviting the student to select experiences;

a step for directing the student to associate provided brief descriptions with selected experiences;

a step for providing a set of themes corresponding to the brief descriptions for use in associating members of the set of themes with the selected experiences, wherein each member of the set of themes comprises at least one of a moral, a personality trait, and a value;

a step for directing the student to prepare a description of each selected experience using members of the set of themes associated with the respective experience;

a step for directing the student to recall a particular experience that was associated with the particular theme; and

a step for directing the student to respond to the prompt by retelling the description of the recalled particular experience.

9. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

a step for asserting that prompts are in recognizable categories;

a step for directing the student to associate themes with prompts; and

a step for directing the student to respond to a particular prompt by:

recognizing the category of the particular prompt; and

recalling the particular theme that had been associated with the particular prompt.

10. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

- 2 a step for directing the student to, after retelling, state at least one theme that had been
- 3 associated with the experience.

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